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SUBJ: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT TO NORWAY

REFS: (A) OSLO 4361, (B) ATHENS 9203

- 1. ONLY ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES TO EMERGE FROM POLITICAL TALKS DURING GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER VITSIOS VISIT TO OSLO(REFTEL A) ACCORDING TO MFA WESTERN EUROPEAN OFFICE DIRECTOR LANGAKIER, WERE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN SEA DISPUTE.
- 2. BITSIOS GAVE NORWEGIANS PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS. HE SAID HE SAW THE ONLY WAY TO GET VIENNA TALKS GOING WAS BY MAKING PROGRESS INITIALLY IN TALKS BETWEEN TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES ON HUMANIRIAN ISSUES. HE URGED NORWEGIANS TO DO OR SAY WHATEVER THEY COULD TO HELP IN THE EFFORT.
- 3. ON AEGEAN ISSUE, NORWEGIANS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT TO INITIATE GREEK-TURKSIH TALKS THE TURKS INSISTED GREECE WITHDRAW ITS CASE BEFORE ICJ. BITSIOS SAID GREEK WOULD NOT WITHDRAW CASE BUT SUSPENSION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. BITSIOS ASKED NORWEGIANS THER VIEW OF ICJ CASE AND WAS INFORMED THEY COULD ONLY SPECULATE CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT COURT WOULD PROVIDE SOME GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF

CONTINENTAL SHELF CONVENTION TO CASE, URGE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE, POINT OUT PRINCIPLES OF THE MEDIAN LINE AND PERHAPS ULTIMATELY CONCLUDE THAT THERE WERE SOME SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES BASED ON GEOGRAPHY THAT SHOULD BENEFIT TURKS TO SOME DEGREE. BITSIOS REPORTEDLY SAID BREEKS THOUGHT THIS WAS LIKELY DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK AT END OF SEPTEMBER. ANDERS

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